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The Scottish Law Commission welcomes a new procedure agreed by the Scottish Parliament to consider certain Commission Bills

The Scottish Law Commission welcomes the decision by the Scottish Parliament to provide more Parliamentary time to consider and implement Commission Bills.

Changes to the Standing Orders agreed to by the Scottish Parliament on 28 May 2013 would enable certain Commission Bills to be referred to the Subordinate Legislation Committee; and that Committee is to be re-named the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee.

Lady Clark of Calton, Chairman of the Scottish Law Commission said:

“The Commission are delighted that the Scottish Parliament has decided to take steps to provide more Parliamentary time for certain Commission Bills. The Commission looks forward to working with the Scottish Parliament and the Scottish Government to implement Commission Bills, and in particular to working with the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee.”.

In coming to their decision, the Scottish Parliament accepted the recommendations and draft changes to Standing Orders proposed by the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee. See the [Official Report for 28 May](#). The changes will take effect on 5 June 2013.

## NOTES TO EDITORS

1. The Scottish Law Commission was set up in 1965 to promote the reform of the law of Scotland. The Chairman is the Hon Lady Clark of Calton, a Court of Session judge. The other Commissioners are Laura J Dunlop QC, Patrick Layden QC TD, Professor Hector L MacQueen, and Dr Andrew J M Steven. The Chief Executive is Malcolm McMillan.

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